

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, Friday's brief "All-female a cappella group to perform spring concert" incorrectly states that Cadence is releasing its first studio album and that guest performers Grains of Time are a UNC a cappella group. Cadence is releasing its second album, and Grains of Time is a group from N.C. State University. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the errors.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

CUAB to host Forrest Gump festival in Union Great Hall

Carolina Union Activities Board will host a free festival celebrating the 1994 movie, "Forrest Gump," at 7 p.m. in the Union Great Hall.

CUAB will serve 25 pounds of fried shrimp, 25 pounds of grilled shrimp, 288 glass bottles of Dr. Pepper and 15 pounds of boxed chocolate.

The movie will not be shown, but pingpong tables will be made available for play.

125 new members inducted into UNC Phi Beta Kappa

The nation's oldest honor society inducted 125 UNC students into its chapter this weekend.

Students are eligible if they have completed 75 hours of course credit and have a 3.85 grade point average or have completed 105 hours with a 3.75 grade point average.

Inductees were honored in a ceremony in which they received a certificate and a key — the Phi Beta Kappa symbol.

Board of Visitors holds its spring meeting on campus

On Thursday and Friday, the Board of Visitors convened to discuss the state of the campus.

Members attended classes, heard about the University Cancer Research Fund, possible enrollment plans for growth in the future and progress of the Carolina Covenant.

"These are people who you see in Forbes magazine, but they take this time out of their schedules to see what they can do for Carolina," said Linda Douglas, director of community relations. The Board of Visitors meets once each semester, acting as ambassadors for the University during rest of the year.

STATE BRIEFS

Greg Doucette named ASG president for 2008-09 term

The UNC-system Association of Student Governments held a meeting Saturday that included elections for the upcoming school year.

Greg Doucette, president of the Student Senate at N.C. State University, was elected the new ASG president by a vote of 22-21.

Ashley Yopp, speaker of the East Carolina University Student Senate, ran as Doucette's vice president.

The vote originally stood as 22-21 in Doucette and Yopp's favor, but departing ECU Student Body President Keri Brockett led a delegation that challenged the legality of one of ECU's voting delegates.

Thomas Brigman of Appalachian State University, former ASG chairman of academic and student affairs, presided over the meeting. He upheld the challenge after a lengthy debate, bringing the vote to a tie of 21-21.

UNC-Chapel Hill delegate Andy Woods and another delegate challenged the legality of an N.C. State delegate, who was acting as a proxy for Doucette.

Brigman decided that the N.C. State delegate's vote was legal, and as chairman of the meeting, Brigman broke the tie in favor of the Doucette-Yopp ticket.

Doucette said he wants to refocus the organization on the needs of UNC-system students.

"I'm hoping we can finally put up some of the reforms to represent the students."

Chase Matson, a UNC-CH delegate, ran in opposition to Doucette, with Atul Bhula, an ECU delegate and ASG east regional director, as his vice presidential candidate.

"I think either one of them would have sent ASG in the right direction," said UNC-CH delegate and ASG Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Jake Parton.

"I can't find any problem with the process," he added, commending Brigman's handling of the election.

— From staff and wire reports

CAA solicits ticket input

BY DANIEL PATE
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As soon as this year's college basketball season ended, preparations for the next one began.

The Carolina Athletic Association will hold a basketball ticket forum Tuesday for students to voice their opinions about the ticket policy.

The forum will consider not only changes recommended by the students attending but also issues the CAA took note of during the year.

"It's not a forum to change the system," said Clint Gwaltney, associate athletic director for ticket and Smith Center operations.

"It's a forum to take the online system and continue to enhance it and make it better for students."

CAA President Andrew Coonin

said that the student organization can't directly change the ticket policy but that it can work with University officials to serve as the voice of the student body.

"This year's was the best it's ever been," Coonin said of the ticket policy.

Coonin said the system showed flaws, though, when it caused confusion about the Duke game distribution, in which latecomers missed an impromptu lottery that determined which phase one ticket holders got the front rows.

The standby line also was not publicized well, Coonin said. The line gives students without tickets an opportunity to attend games, taking spots of those who don't show up.

Coonin said students who aren't

ATTEND THE TICKET FORUM

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday
Location: Murphey Hall, Room 116
Info: studentorgs.unc.edu/caa/

comfortable speaking at the forum can submit written suggestions.

"It's great to have the confirmation from the students that this is how they feel," he said.

And the forum has proved to be effective in the past.

Last year students received two tickets with assigned seats, meaning groups could not sit together.

To remedy this, student tickets were assigned to phases that gave a certain arrival time. People could then sit together if they entered in the same phase.

Ticket distribution forum

- There will be free food.
- Students can question Clint Gwaltney, director of ticket distribution and Smith Center operations.
- This will be the only forum this year.

Although some students said the online system is convenient and fair, others long to return to the days of old, when bracelets were used to determine who got tickets.

"Bracelets require you to be a

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Sit-in protest outlasts weekend

Some unsure of SAW's motives

BY MARY COLE ALLEN
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Shouts of "Adopt the DSP" rang out across Polk Place on Friday afternoon as members of the Student Action for Workers continued to protest Chancellor James Moeser's refusal to sign the Designated Suppliers Program.

In August, Moeser said that after reviewing the proposal, he did not feel confident the DSP would accomplish what it set forward: requiring a university to buy 75 percent of its licensed apparel from factories that pay living wages and allow collective bargaining.

The students held the rally at 4:30 p.m., just before South Building closed for the weekend. At 5 p.m. they were locked in the lobby of the building for the weekend.

"We're not going to get tired, and we're going to stay here until Moeser adopts the DSP," said Salma Mirza, an organizer for the protest.

But though the students have shouted their reasons for protesting, many others say they don't understand or don't know why the group is protesting.

"It's a good cause," sophomore Bethany Hartness said. "But I think the majority of the student body is pretty uninformed."

Members of the coalition handed out fliers detailing Friday's protest and asking students to attend.

Sophomore Andrea Blanford was on Polk Place on Friday when she was approached by protesters.

"Everyone has been just telling us to protest, but not what I'm supposed to protest," Blanford said. "How am I supposed to protest something I don't have a definitive opinion on?"

Other students who are concerned about sweatshops making UNC clothing said they thought the protest is ill-timed.

"They have been very loud, and it made me stop and think, but it's the end of the year, and ... we all have other priorities as students right now," freshman Sarah DuPre said.

The protest has been going on for several days, but officials in South Building say the students have been cooperative and civil.

"I respect their right to have free speech and organize," said Jodi Fruth, executive assistant in the provost's office. "They haven't been disruptive at all."

Moeser held a round-table discussion with the organizers Wednesday, and though Moeser said he thought the conversation went well, members of the group said little was accomplished.

Steve Local, a member of the N.C. Public Service Workers Union, said at the rally Friday afternoon that he is in full support of the student protesters.

"I'm outraged as a taxpaying citizen."

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VESTS, AT LEAST, STAY THE SAME

Clefs celebrate 30-year evolution

BY CATARINA SARAIVA
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When the curtain went up Saturday night in Memorial Hall, the auditorium was bathed in an orange glow and filled with the energetic and tight harmonies of the Clef Hangers' trademark song, Toto's "Africa."

Dressed in khakis and their traditional button-clad vests, they bopped to the 1980s hit in front of a sold-out audience that included about 72 of the group's alumni.

The former members were in town to celebrate the group's 30th anniversary, which culminated in a three-hour-long concert.

Along with singing current hits such as Chris Brown's "Kiss Kiss," the Clefs talked about their history and invited the alumni on stage to sing a medley of UNC fight songs.

"We had no idea that we were establishing what would become a tradition at UNC," said Tom Terrell, one of the original Clefs.

"We didn't even know that the group would be around each next year."

While many elements of the group have changed since it was created in 1977, its history has left lingering marks.

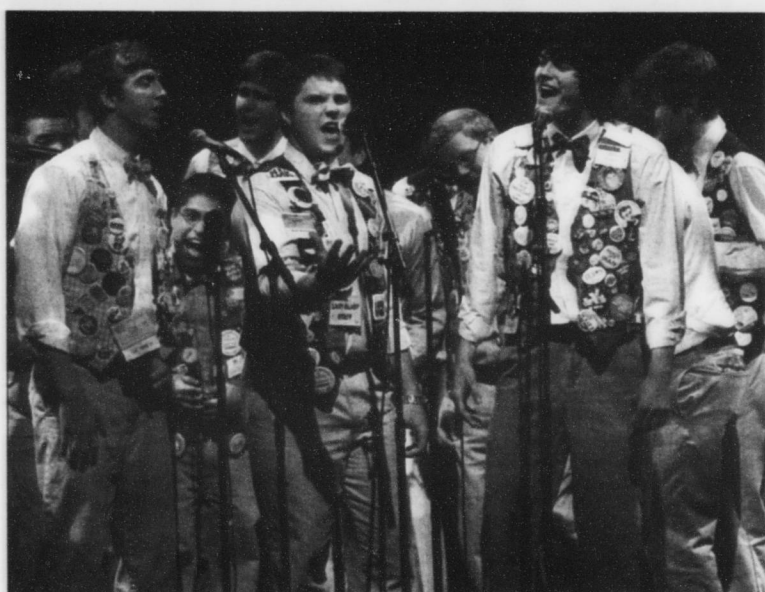
UNC didn't have a cappella groups then, and Barry Saunders, the group's founding member, set out to get a group of his own together.

"He went around grabbing people who claimed they could sing — it was very haphazard," Terrell said.

"We started to meet and harmonize, and by late December or early January of 1978, we were wearing vests and bow ties. We called ourselves the Clef Hangers, and we began throwing ourselves in front of audiences uninvited," Terrell said.

Back then the Clefs' repertoire consisted mostly of barbershop

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The current Clef Hangers were joined on stage by past members at their performance April 14 at Memorial Hall. The group also held a show with alumni for a sold-out audience Saturday.



The Clef Hangers, pictured here in 1978 after only recently starting to sing publicly on UNC's campus, started out as a quartet that specialized in barbershop and other four-part harmonies.

Development a key in election

Proposed Buckhorn Village spurs talk

BY ROBERT C. GUNST JR.
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Growth will be a central issue in the campaign for the Orange County Board of Commissioners as plans for a new shopping center take shape.

Some contenders said the proposed Buckhorn Village development will stimulate growth in the local economy,

and others said it is something that needs to be executed carefully.

"We need more commercial expansion to widen and diversify the tax base," said Pam Hemminger, a candidate for the board in District 1.

The development will be equidistant to Durham's Streets at Southpoint mall and the Alamance Crossing shopping center in Burlington, said Margaret Wood Cannell, Orange County Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"It will bring needed infrastructure into the area and will jumpstart other economic activity," she said.

But Carrboro Alderman Dan

Coleman, who is not running for a county commissioner office, said the location of the development is a major drawback.

The development will create many low-paying jobs in an already struggling economic district of Orange County, Coleman said.

He added that the location does not have easy access to any form of public transportation.

But Cannell said the ability to develop the area makes it a good site.

"The most positive aspect of Buckhorn Village is that it will be developed in an area where nothing has really happened," she said.

County commissioner at large candidate Bernadette Pelissier said she encourages economic development.

"I'd like to see the focus be on locally owned businesses with good wages," she said.

She didn't want to comment on the Buckhorn issue because she hopes to vote on it in the future.

At-large candidate Nelo Barbee Jones also said she would like to see more expansion.

"We certainly need economic expansion and to find a good balance between our housing and

commercial development," she said. "Too much revenue is hurt from property taxes."

If approved, Buckhorn will showcase a variety of large retail stores, restaurants and office space.

But Coleman said it won't provide the right kind of economic growth for the county.

"It will harm existing businesses and is not going to recirculate the wealth of Orange County," he said.

Still, others believe that there is a possibility of a local presence in the development.

"There might definitely be local businesses in the development," Cannell said.

Others want to see the development break ground as long as it is done with long-term intentions in mind.

"I want us to do this the right way," Hemminger said. "We know how to build green, and the county needs to be proactive in that."

Hemminger said efficient buildings and surface runoff control are important steps toward a successful sustainable development.

There is no timetable in place for the future of the development. The proposal is still in the public hearing process.

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Election irregularities crop up within system

BY OLIVIA BOWLER
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The recent East Carolina University election controversy illuminated an issue campuses face across the state: how to run a legitimate student government election.

Whether it's a technology glitch, inappropriate use of campaign funds or fliers in off-limits library bathrooms, the UNC system has seen its share of election flukes.

But the most notable of the recent hiccups were more like belches. In addition to the recent contested election at ECU, N.C. Central University and UNC-Pembroke had their names added to the list of schools that have recently experienced woes in student government.

The charges against the ECU board of elections included improper swearing-in of election poll workers, candidates campaigning in the 25-foot off-limits box around polling stations and the withholding of candidates' names and pictures from the elections Web site.

Abey Dessie, departing ECU Student Government Association attorney general, said the student judicial board upheld three of the charges against the elections board in a hearing two weeks ago but voted

against holding another election.

"They felt that those three violations wouldn't have had that much of an effect," Dessie said of the board's decision, adding that the decision was largely influenced by the fact that the judiciary board felt that candidates were affected collectively, rather than one being singled out.

"Everyone is really glad the situation was resolved now," he said. "Now we can look ahead to the future."

Such incidents are not isolated to a few campuses.

In February 2007, N.C. Central University Junior Class President Edmund Lewis was impeached and removed from office, disqualifying him from running in the upcoming student body president elections.

At the time, many students protested the impeachment charges, claiming that the charges' proximity to the elections smelled of foul play.

Last fall at UNC-P, there was an unsuccessful movement to impeach Student Body President Dwight Humphrey on charges of misconduct such as using inappropriate language, missing meetings and not submitting a budget. Humphrey resigned shortly after.

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